

I. Introduction.II. Do you want to do something great for God? v. 1-3

- A. David is enjoying a season of rest, prosperity, and security. v. 1 5:12-13,17ff 7:11 Deut. 12:10 25:19 Heb. 4:1ff
- B. David desires to build a house for the ark of God. v. 2 Deut. 12:10-12 I Sam. 13:14 Dan. 4:29-30 Ps. 132:4-5 116:12
- C. Nathan the prophet initially encourages David's plan. v. 3
How could Nathan, the prophet, be wrong? v. 4ff Dt. 18:15-22 I Sa. 1:12ff 16:6-7
- D. Application.
 - 1. How well do you handle prosperity? Prov. 30:8-9 I Co. 1:26ff I Ti. 6:10,17ff Mt. 19:24 Luke 12:15ff
 - 2. Even wise men (like Nathan) are sometimes wrong. v. 3ff Pr. 12:15 13:10 19:20

III. God does not need your help. v. 4-7

- A. David's human plan (dream) is corrected by divine revelation. v. 4 24:11 Gen. 15:1 Dt. 18:22 I Sa. 15:10 2 Sam. 24:11 1 Ki. 6:11 Isa. 38:4 Jer. 1:2,4 Ezek 1:3 Hos 1:1 Joel 1:1 Jonah 1:1 Mic 1:1 Zeph. 1:1 Hag. 1:1 Zech 1:1
- B. David is not the one to build a house for the LORD. v. 5-7 Ex. 13:21f 26:1ff 40:34ff Phil. 2:5ff John 1:1 I Ki. 8:27 5:3ff Is. 66:1 I Chron. 22:8 28:3 Isa. 9:5
- C. The LORD gently corrects David.
 - 1. David is honored as the LORD's servant - which connects him to God's great servants of the past (and future) and to the Messiah. v. 5b 7:27 3:18 I Sa. 19:4 I Ki. 3:6 Eze. 34:23-24 37:25 Jer. 31:21ff 2 Ki. 19:23 20:6 Gen. 26:24 Nu. 12:7f Josh 1:2,7 Job 1:8 Is. 20:3 41:9 42:1 44:1-2,21 49:3 52:13ff Zech. 3:8 Mk. 10:45
 - 2. David's instinct that a house is to be built is correct. v. 5,12-13 Dt. 12:9ff
- D. Application.
 - 1. Not all of our dreams (plans) are of God, even if our intentions are good. Mt. 26:39 6:10 I Jo. 5:14 Ro. 8:28 I Co. 2:9
 - 2. God does not *need* your help and service. Isa. 40:28 Ex. 3:14 Rom. 11:35f Acts 17:24-25 Ps. 50:10-12

IV. Rather, it is God who does great things for you. v. 8-17

- A. Instead of David building a house for the LORD, the LORD builds a house for David. v. 11b
- B. The LORD has already done great things for David. v. 8-9 Ps. 78:70-71 Gen. 12:2
- C. The LORD will continue to bless David's house. v. 10-17
 - 1. Israel will be securely planted in the land where she will enjoy rest. v. 10-11 Ex. 15:17 Deut. 12:9ff Jer. 2:21
 - 2. Your descendant (seed) will reign and build a house (temple) for God. v. 12-13a
 - 3. Your dynasty will endure forever. v. 13b Ps. 89:36
 - 4. Your son will be a son to God. v. 14
 - 5. This covenant promise is unconditional and everlasting. v. 15-16

- D. How are these promises fulfilled in history?
1. Through David, Israel is established as a world power.
 2. David's son Solomon reigns after him, builds the temple. I Ki. 8:20 2 Chron. 22:9-10 Acts 7:47
 3. David's dynasty rules in Judah for over 400 years. 2 Ki. 11:1ff I Ki. 8:47 9:4ff 11:14,23ff 2 Chr. 21:7 Lam. 3:1,22f
 4. During the dark days of Israel's exile and oppression under foreign dominion, the LORD remains faithful to His covenant promises. Mt. 1:12ff Isa. 9:6-7 11:1ff 16:5 55:3 Am. 9:11 Jer. 23:5-6 33:14ff Zec. 12:7-8 Mic. 5:2 Eze. 37:24ff 34:23-24
 5. Israel desperately needs a better king than any previous king in David's line. Faithful, Isa. 9:6-7 11:2-5 7:14 Ezek. 37:24ff

E. Jesus Christ comes as the ultimate fulfillment of the LORD's covenant promise to David. Luke 1:31-33 2:29f Mark 1:1

1. The Incarnation comes at just the right time! Gal. 4:4 Isa. 9:2 Jo. 7:42 Acts 15:13-18 Luke 2:25ff
2. Jesus Christ is the LORD's *Servant* who perfectly meets the requirements of covenant obedience. v. 5 Isa. 42:1 49:3ff 52:13ff 53:11 Phil. 2:5ff Acts 3:26
3. His Name is great. v. 9b Luke 1:32 Phil. 2:9-11 Isa. 9:6-7 Mt. 1:21
4. He is the true Son (*seed*) of David. v. 12 Mt. 1:1ff 20:30 Ga. 3:16 Ro. 1:3 2 Tim. 2:8 Acts 13:23 3:25 Rev. 22:16
5. He is the *Son of God*. v. 14 He. 1:5 Ro. 1:4 Jo. 1:14 3:16 17:1 20:31 Ps. 89:26-27 2:7f Mk. 1:1 Acts 9:20 Mt. 1:21 3:17 17:5 22:41ff 27:43 Lu. 22:70 Re. 2:18
6. He was *chastised* (for our iniquities). v. 14b Isa. 53:4-5 II Co. 5:21 Heb. 5:8-9
7. He builds an indestructible *house* (sanctuary) for God's dwelling (church). v. 13 Mt. 16:18 Jo. 2:19 14:23 I Ti. 3:15 Heb. 3:1ff I Pe. 2:5 Eph. 2:19 Rev. 21:1ff
8. He reigns on David's *throne*. v. 16 Acts 2:30 15:15-18 Is. 55:3 9:7 Ps. 110:1 Rev. 22:16 Mt. 19:28
9. His Kingdom endures *forever*. v. 13b,16 Heb. 1:8 Ps. 89:29,36f 16:10ff I Co. 15:25 Dan. 2:44 Acts 2:31f 13:33ff Isa. 55:3 Luke 22:29 John 18:36
10. He gives us, His offspring (*seed*), everlasting *rest*. v. 10-11 He. 4:1ff Dt. 12:10 Is. 53:10

F. Why does the Davidic Covenant matter to us today?

1. All of God's covenant promises are ours in Christ. Gal. 3:14,26-29 4:6 2 Co. 1:20 Eph. 2:11,19 Acts 15:14-18 Amos 9:11 Ro. 8:18
2. The LORD disciplines us when we stray. v. 14b Heb 12:4ff Prov. 3:11-12

V. Concluding applications.

Discussion questions

1. Why is 2 Samuel 7 one of the most important passages in the Bible?
2. Why does David want to build the temple?
3. How does God's blessing motivate you to serve Him?
4. How could Nathan, a prophet, be wrong? v. 3
5. What was wrong with David's plan?
6. How can we know if our plans and dreams are according to God's will?
7. If God is self-sufficient, then why should we do anything for Him?
8. In what ways is God building a house for David?
9. Which is more important: What we do for God? Or what God does for us? Why?
10. How do these promises to David point to Christ?
11. Why do these promises matter to us?